

### REMARKS

Consideration of this application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Original claims 1-112 are canceled herewith, without acquiescence to any rejection of record in the prior application, and new claims 113-127 are submitted for consideration. Support for the claims may be found in the specification and drawings, for example, at page 13, lines 6-10 and 21-23; at page 42, lines 1-18; at page 66, line 9 through the end of page 69; at page 101, line 8 through page 102, line 4; in Figures 3 and 9; in claims 58-74 of the prior application as originally filed; and elsewhere. No new matter has been added.

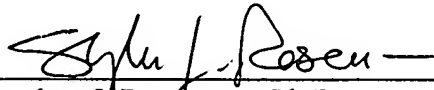
The present Application is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 09/569,327, filed May 11, 2000, which is a continuation-in-part under 35 U.S.C. §365 of co-pending International Application PCT/US99/25883, filed November 3, 1999, which claims priority to U.S. Application No. 09/393,441, filed September 8, 1999, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application No. 09/185,904, filed November 3, 1998.

The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees due by way of this Amendment, or to credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-1090.

All of the claims remaining in the application are now clearly allowable. Favorable consideration and a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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